

threw cold, water upon it. xne interview musueu. LJJ.UH : — 'At this moment I will make no movements—to-morrow morning I depart for Strathfieldsaye. If the King is well advised he will now send for me — but I will not even be in London.<sup>3</sup> In spite of what occurred Lord L. does not believe that the D. was at the time in any communication with the Court. The D. accordingly departed for Strathfieldsaye the following morning, and I wrote to Lord C. notifying his Grace's refusal to concur in our plan, of which I had been apprised by Lord L. on the morning of the 14th. On the same day (the 14th) the Ministry were dismissed at Brighton, and a messenger arrived for the Duke at Apsley House. The letter was, I believe, brought up by Lord Melbourne himself. It was immediately forwarded to Stratfieldsaye.

10th Nov. — Dismissal of the Ministry publicly announced. The Duke at Brighton — whence he wrote to Lyndhurst, informing him that he had recommended ELM. to send for Peel, and requesting him to meet his Grace the following morning at Apsley House. This L. communicated to me in the evening. After that interview I met L. The Duke was in good spirits. He said 'It will be a month perhaps before he comes. All that we have got to do now is to get the Government of the country into our hands. I shall sit at the Treasury and take all the Secretary's seals ; you must take the Great Seal — you and I must be the government of the country. Things are quiet, the people will not murmur.' Thus the government of the country was efficiently carried on, L. retaining his C[hief] Baronly and sitting also in the Chancery. Nobody murmured. The general opinion was that the Tories would succeed. Bonham calculated we might just get a Tory majority, but the chief hope was in the goodness of our measures and the impossibility of the Conservative Whigs d, la Grey, &c., coalescing with Papists and Republicans. Lord L. was, however, in the habit of saying to me 'You will see that there will be a coalition of all parties against us.' You will see that these fellows will coalesce. Great was the suspense until Peel arrived. At last one evening we were informed that he had indeed come. The

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